(e) The Ministry of Rural Development has developed a comprehensive system of monitorng the implementation of the Programmes including utilization of funds through various mechanism such as Monitoring through periodical Progress Reports, Performance Review Committee, Area Officer's Schemes, Inspection by State/District officials, Central level Coordination Committee (CLCC) and State Level Coordination Committees (SLCC). In additional to this, the Ministry has also introduced monitorng through the District Level Monitoring and National Level Monitors.

**Grants to Himachal Pradesh under ARWSP**

†393. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 905 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th February, 2003 and state:

(a) the amount provided to Himachal Pradesh out of amout of 1351.95 crores to 18 drought affected States under the ARWSP till 18th February, 2003 during the year 2002-2003;

(b) whether the concerned State Government has utilised the amount released;

(c) if so, part of the State in which this amount was utilised; and

(d) to what extent water level have been lifted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (d) Under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), the Government of India had released an amount of Rs. 890 lakhs to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh during the financial year 2002-2003 for drought mitigation measures to meet drinking water scarcity. As per the information furnished by the Government of Himachal Pradesh the State Government had spent an amount of Rs. 871.45 lakhs till 18th February, 2003 and the remaining amount of Rs. 18.55 lakhs was utilised upto 31.3.2003. The entire amount was utilised in the State of Himachal Pradesh. Water supply has been supplemented throughout the State, particularly in drought affected parts, by installing 589 hand pumps in 10 districts.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.